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Fact Sheet

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Domestic Violence Unit Program (DVUP)

Entry and service of ex parte and protective orders

Program Information:

In 2000 the Maryland General Assembly created the Domestic Violence Unit Pilot Program. The program provides funding assistance in the form of grants to local sheriffs and police departments to create specialized units for service of ex partes and protective orders and update and maintain their domestic violence databases. Despite the statutory termination of the DVUP law on June 30, 2002, GOCCP was able to institutionalize the program, and continues to award grants with budgeted State funds.

This program is designed to offer local law enforcement agencies the resources necessary to enhance existing service efforts and meet the District and Circuit Courts guidelines for efficiency and promptness. The goal of this program is to reduce/minimize the time between issuance of ex parte and protective orders and their entry into METERS/NCIC (Maryland Electronic Telecommunications Enforcement Resource System/National Crime Information Center) for entry and service of ex parte and protective orders. Applicants must be in the METERS/MILES system through the Maryland State Police Department (MSP) to qualify for funding.

Grant funds requested through this application are offered to local law enforcement agencies in compliance with the District and Circuit Court guidelines for service and entry of ex parte protective orders.

Eligibility:
- Local Law Enforcement Agencies

Match: Not Required

Tentative Dates for the DVUP Program:

- NOFA posted: February
- Electronic and Hard Copy Due Dates: March
- Project Start Date: July 1

Impact in Maryland:

During FY 14:

- 13,727 ex parte and protective orders were entered into the METERS/NCIC system;

- 4,587 ex parte and protective orders were served ;

- 13,632 ex parte and protective orders were entered within 24 hours of receipt from the courts.

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